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In re Application of:

DANIEL A. JAPUNTICH ET AL.

Group Art Unit:

Serial No.: 09/677,637

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Examiner:

For: FIBROUS FILTRATION FACE MASK HAVING A NEW UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUID VALVE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the continuing duty of candor and good faith that is to be demonstrated before this Office, enclosed are copies of the documents cited on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following United States patent applications:

1. U.S. Serial No. 09/440,619, Japuntich et al., filed on November 15, 1999, entitled *Filtering Face Mask That Has A New Exhalation Valve*, which is a division of U.S. Serial No. 08/240,877, which is a division of U.S. Serial No. 07/981,244, filed on November 25, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,325,892, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 07/891,298, now abandoned.
2. U.S. Serial No. 09/442,082, Bowers, filed November 15, 1999, entitled *Uni-Directional Fluid Valve*, which is a reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 5,687,767, issued November 18, 1997.
3. U.S. Serial No. 09/678,488, Japuntich et al., filed October 3, 2000, entitled *Fibrous Filtration Face Mask Having A New Unidirectional Fluid Valve*.
4. U.S. Serial No. 09/677,636, Japuntich et al., filed October 3, 2000, entitled *Fibrous Filtration Face Mask Having A New Unidirectional Fluid Valve*.
5. U.S. Serial No. 09/677,915, Japuntich et al., filed October 3, 2000, entitled *Fibrous Filtration Face Mask Having A New Unidirectional Fluid Valve*.
6. U.S. Serial No. 09/678,580, Japuntich et al., filed October 3, 2000, entitled *Fibrous Filtration Face Mask Having A New Unidirectional Fluid Valve*.

7. U.S. Serial No. 09/678,579, Japuntich et al., filed October 3, 2000, entitled *Fibrous Filtration Face Mask Having A New Unidirectional Fluid Valve*.

8. U.S. Serial No. 09/678,581, Japuntich et al., filed October 3, 2000, entitled *Fibrous Filtration Face Mask Having A New Unidirectional Fluid Valve*.

A copy of the application for U.S. Serial Nos. 09/442,082 is enclosed for the Examiner's reference.

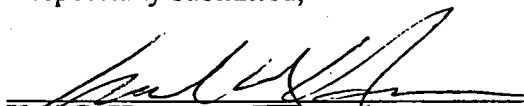
Copies of the applications for U.S. Serial Nos. 09/440,619, 09/677,915, 09/677,636, 09/678,581, 09/678,580, 09/678,579, and 09/678,488 (which are all divisions of U.S. Serial No. 08/240,877, filed May 11, 1994, which is a division of U.S. Serial No. 07/981,244, filed November 25, 1992, now U.S. Patent 5,325,892, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 07/891,289, now abandoned) and U.S. Serial No. 08/240,877, have not been enclosed for the Examiner's reference because the application for these cases are the same as this application.

All of the above-noted applications are listed on the attachment to Form PTO-1449. Applicants request that these co-pending applications not be printed on the issued patent.

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	SubClass	Filing Date If Appropriate
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	1-242075 (corresponds to U.S. 4,934,362)	9/1989	Japan				X
	58-170465	11/1983	Japan			X	
	GB 2,072,516	10/1981	United Kingdom				

**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Authors, Title, Date, Pertinent Papers, etc.)**

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